"B": Cases recommended for provisional duties and investigation in progress

Product	Country	Date of Initiation	Recommendation date	Quantum of Duty Recommended (Rs. per unit)
1. Magnesium	China PR	31.07.97	06.02.98	27509 pmt
2. Metallurigical Coke	China PR	28.8.97	20.03.98	1800 pmt
3. Polystyrene	Korea RP, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia	16.9.97	12.05.98	nil-11388 pmt
4. H.R. Coils	Russia, Ukraine & Kazakhastan	06.10.97	17.06.98	Nil

"C": Cases under investigation for provisional duties

	Product	Date of Initiation	Country
1.	Sea Water Magnesia/ Fused Magnesia	05.11.97	China PR
2.	Lovastatin	22.12.97	China PR
3.	Acrylic fibres	07.01.98	Spain, Portugal, Japan, Italy
4.	Industrial Sewing Needles	16.01.98	*****
5.	Calcium Carbide	28.01.98	China RP, Romania
6.	P Tert Butyl Catechol	19.02.98	France
7.	Chloroquine Phosphate	19.02.98	China PR
8.	Ortho Chloro Benzaldehide	19.02.98	China PR
9.	Citric Acid	18.03.98	China PR
10.	SBR	07.04.98	++
11.	Photographic paper	07.05.98	UK Germany
12.	EPDM	20.05.98	Japan

***** Germany, Korea PR, China RP, Japan, & Czech. Republic
++ Japan, Korea PR, Turkey, China, Taiwan, USA, Germany, France

Export of Basmati Rice to Europe

4314. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that European Basmati Importers while importing rice from India, have to pay first the full duty and then file for refund by justifying the import price, thus discouraging these importers from importing Basmati rice from India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to eliminate this disadvantageous position of our Indian Basmati Exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The Commission of European Communities vide Commission Regulation (EC) No. 703/97 dated 18.9.97 has introduced, for a trial period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June, 1998 (now extended upto 31.12.98), a cummulative recovery system for determining import duties on rice which are eligible for refund upon the satisfaction of the implementing authorities.

(b) Government has conveyed its reservations to the EU and has shown how the system conflicts with various Agreements of the WTO. The Government held formal consultation with the European Commission in this regard under Article XXIII of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.